



Talk it Over

PASTOR LYLE – PROVERBS – 1/12/25

KEY SCRIPTURE

Proverbs 8

1 Listen as Wisdom calls out!
Hear as understanding raises
her voice!

2 On the hilltop along the road,
she takes her stand at the
crossroads.

3 By the gates at the entrance to
the town, on the road leading in,
she cries aloud,

4 "I call to you, to all of you! I
raise my voice to all people.

9 My words are plain to anyone
with understanding, clear to
those with knowledge.

10 Choose my instruction rather
than silver, and knowledge
rather than pure gold.

11 For wisdom is far more
valuable than rubies. Nothing
you desire can compare with it.

32 "And so, my children, listen
to me, for all who follow my
ways are joyful.

33 Listen to my instruction and
be wise. Don't ignore it.

34 Joyful are those who listen to
me, watching for me daily at my
gates, waiting for me outside
my home!

35 For whoever finds me finds
life and receives favor from the
Lord.

36 But those who miss me injure
themselves. All who hate me
love death."

START TALKING

Pastor Dave made the statement that wisdom was baked into creation. Small ingredients can make a big difference. Taste salt and you might think that it would ruin food, and yet, the right amount enhances the flavor. Certain ingredients can create favorite dishes, bring back memories, or they can wreck a dish.

What are some of your favorite flavors in foods or desserts?

What ingredients remind you of home? Which one ruins a dish for you?

START DISCUSSING

Read Proverbs 8:1-4, 9

WISDOM IS ACCESSIBLE AND UNDERSTANDABLE TO ALL

Instead of instructing us to search for wisdom because it is hard to find, the Bible speaks of wisdom searching for us. Even James 1:5 says, "if you lack wisdom, Ask God, who give it generously."

What difference does it make that wisdom is readily available to all?

What does this mean to the one behaving foolishly?

Read Proverbs 8:10-11

WISDOM IS BEST

You can choose between having unimaginable wealth, or wisdom. In a church context, the correct answer may be clear. But we are faced with this decision often - sometimes subtly, other times obviously.

Talk about ways that life offers us choices that are not wise but seem to make our lives easier.

Discuss how we can protect ourselves from choosing the foolish.

Can anyone give a testimony of the blessing of making the right choice or the consequences of the foolish choice?

Read Proverbs 8:32-34

WISDOM BEGS TO GIVE US JOY

Count the number of times wisdom expects the reader to act in these three verses (I count 8)

What is the result of listening ... waiting?

How is joy a reward? How does joy affect our life? Who is looking for it?

How few find it? Why?

Read Proverbs 8:35-36

WISDOM IS A CHOICE OF LIFE OR DEATH

Could the difference between two verses be more stark? One choice is life, favor with the Lord. The other is a choice of injury and death. Pastor Dave said that we can harden our hearts to the call of wisdom - eventually not caring what is wise and then no longer even hearing the call.

Are you listening and choosing life?

